ORDERS OF THE MAGISTRATES—CRITICISMS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

29. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the Commissioner of Police wrote to the present District Magistrate criticising the actions of the Magistrates. If so, will copies of the correspondence between the two Officers be placed on the table ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

30. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the present Commissioner of Police refused to submit some documents in his possession ordered to be submitted by the District Magistrate for the conduct of cases pending in the courts. If so what are the documents and what action was taken by Government for the production of such records ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* There was no instance of refusal.

Adjournment Motions

Mr. President: I have received notice of two motions for the adjournment of the House. The first I have disallowed under rule 22 (5) on the ground that it cannot be discussed consistently with public policy. This relates to the recent appointment of a new Chief Justice. The second motion seeks to discuss the protest of this House against Government's action in ordering that the Nurses in future cannot marry without consulting this House. I have had to disallow this motion under rule 22 (4) on the ground that anticipates a motion of which notice has already been given and which appears on the order paper.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know the name of the member who gave notice of the motions?

Mr. Presidnt: I hardly think it is necessary.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It was the precedent, Sir, to read the name of the member also.

Mr. President: There is no secret about it. The member who gave notice of both the motions is the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* It is also the practice, Sir, to point out the purpose of the motion.

Mr. President: I did so in both the cases.

Motion regarding the abolition of capital punishment

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, it is my joyous privilege to move the following important motion, *viz.*—

"We, the Members of the Cochin Legislative Council, the representatives of His Highness' loving and loyal subjects humbly to reiterate our reverential feelings of loyalty to His Highness' Throne and express, on behalf of the people of the State our feelings of joy and gratitude to His Highness for the issue of the gracious Proclamation (Proclamation VIII of 1120) abolishing the sentence of death in the State for certain offences".

In commending this resolution for the unanimous acceptance of this House I wish to state that the House rejoices in the gracious action of His Highness the Maharaja not only in that the gracious Proclamation recognised the sanctity of human life but also for the reason that the Proclamation has granted the requests made by this House to do away with capital punishment at different times with varying degrees of success. It has, therefore, become doubly our duty to express our reverential feelings of gratitude and thankfulness to His Highness the Maharaja for commanding that the semi-barbarous practice of taking a life for life be done away with regard to certain offences. I commend the motion for the unanimous acceptance of the House.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* I second it.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Sir, I second the motion, and in doing so may I state the great joy which the people of Cochin and even the people outside the State have felt on this most progressive measure. Of course, Cochin is in many matters in the van of progress and here is a piece of progressive legislation emanating from the Ruler of the State, which serves as a model to the other States in India, to the rest of India, and I may humbly say, even to the rest of the world. It is in very few States that we find that capital punishment has been abolished—in two or three States. Therefore it is a matter of great pride and joy to the people of Cochin and I have great pleasure in seconding the motion.

Motion put and carried

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